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## Recognition for Somerset

### Practical Commissioning: Finalist Vision Awards 2010

We are delighted to announce that WyvernHealth.Com has been chosen as a finalist in the **Most Advanced Primary Care Clinical Commissioning Group**.

The winner will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Wednesday 20 October.

We would also like to congratulate **Avanaula** for the following nomination: **HSJ Awards 2010: Clinical Service Redesign**

Avanaula, the Somerset Community COPP Service, jointly commissioned by WyvernHealth.Com and NHS Somerset, has been chosen as a finalist in the category of *Clinical Service Redesign*.

### LMC Study Day – 23 September 2010

WH.C has been in place for three years and has made some significant achievements, learning a great deal about commissioning in the process. This has placed WH.C in a very strong position to work with its member practices on the development of a countywide GP commissioning consortium and is the LMC's preferred option and one that is supported by the WH.C Board. The LMC position statement is available at <http://www.somersetlmc.co.uk/>

### Community Based Commissioned Services: Important updates

Another success story for WyvernHealth.Com...

We are pleased to announce the launch of the pan Somerset Orthopaedic Assessment Service in Somerset (OASIS) and the roll out of the orthopaedic care pathway that has been agreed through negotiation between WyvernHealth.Com, NHS Somerset, Somerset Community Health, EASE, Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust and Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

This care pathway has been developed to deal with a very high demand for orthopaedic services in Somerset that continues to grow with the demographics of the population and from 4 October 2010, all patients in Somerset who need an orthopaedic referral, excluding urgent cases, will be referred to OASIS using the Choose and Book system.

We will be sending out a letter outlining further details about this service, including referral criteria, in the next few days to all practices across Somerset.

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## Ambulatory ECG Pilots Went Live on 6 September 2010

We are pleased to announce a new pilot Cardiology Diagnostic service offering 24 to 72 hour Ambulatory ECGs was launched on 6 September 2010.

This service aims to provide a more accessible and rapid alternative to the diagnosis of cardiac problems than secondary care outpatient referral. The service aims to reduce first attendances and follow up appointments, improving patient access to an appropriate clinician for their care in the community setting and improving the patient experience

The five surgeries/locations listed below have agreed to pilot this service for us so we can establish demand and the potential benefit to both patients and clinicians. Please ensure you send a completed referral form and ensure they have included the patient's medication record and result of 12 lead ECG. The care pathways and referrals forms are available from our website <http://www.wyvernhealth.com/pathways.htm>

Pilot Site	Surgeries	
<b>East Quay Medical Centre Bridgwater</b> <b>Contact: Natasha Dyte</b> <a href="mailto:Natasha.dyte@eastquaymc.nhs.uk">Natasha.dyte@eastquaymc.nhs.uk</a> <b>Tel: 01278 440412</b> <b>Fax: 01278 440419</b>	Brent House Surgery	Cannington Health Centre
	East Quay Medical Centre	Edington Surgery (Quarry Ground)
	North Petherton Surgery	Quantock Medical Centre
	Redgate Medical Centre	Somerset Bridge Medical Centre
	Taunton Road Medical Centre	Victoria Park Medical Centre
<b>Dr Gaymer and Partners (Milborne Port)</b> <b>Contact: Mrs Sally Oxford</b> <a href="mailto:reception@milborneportsurgery.nhs.uk">reception@milborneportsurgery.nhs.uk</a> <b>Tel: 01963 250334</b> <b>Fax: 01963 251180</b>	Millbrook Surgery	Milborne Port Surgery
	Ilchester Surgery	Queen Camel Health Centre
	Wincanton Surgery	
<b>Minehead Community Hospital</b> <b>Contact: Linda Arscott</b> <a href="mailto:linda.arscott@somcomhealth.nhs.uk">linda.arscott@somcomhealth.nhs.uk</a> <b>Tel: 01643 707251</b> <b>Fax: 01643 707251</b>	Brendon Hills Surgery	Dunster Surgery
	Harley House Surgery	Irnham Lodge Surgery
	Porlock Medical Centre	Exmoor Medical Centre
	West Somerset Healthcare (Williton)	
<b>Springmead Surgery</b> <b>Contact:</b> <b>Debra Goodwin or Camille Hoare</b> <a href="mailto:Debra.Goodwin@springmead.nhs.uk">Debra.Goodwin@springmead.nhs.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Camille.hoare@springmead.nhs.uk">Camille.hoare@springmead.nhs.uk</a> <b>Tel: 01460 63380</b> <b>Fax: 01460 66463</b>	Church View Surgery	Crewkerne Health Centre
	Crewkerne Surgery	Essex House Medical Centre
	North Street Surgery, Ilminster	Springmead Surgery
	Summervale Medical Centre	Tawstock Medical Centre
<b>To be Advised*</b>	Abbey Manor Medical Practice	Church Street Surgery, Martock
	Hamdon Medical Centre	Hendford Lodge Medical Centre
	North Street Surgery, Langport	Oaklands Surgery
	Penn Hill Surgery	Preston Grove Medical Centre
	Ryalls Park Medical Centre	Somerton Surgery (Cox's Yard)
	Westlake Surgery	Yeovil Health Centre
	Summervale Medical Centre	Tawstock Medical Centre

\*The pilot site for South Somerset will be determined in the near future and we will communicate this information as soon as it is known.

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## New COPD website available...

We would like to make everyone aware of the new website developed by Avanaula [www.somersetcopd.co.uk](http://www.somersetcopd.co.uk) which will give everyone instant access to useful information on clinic location, referral forms, referral criteria and generally everything you might need to know in order to refer your appropriate patients, ie those with the following criteria:

- have a post beta agonist FEV1 < 50 %, FEV1/FVC < 70%
- have a MRC breathless score 3 or greater
- have been admitted with COPD in the past year
- are on oxygen for COPD

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## Dates for your Diary

- **Wednesday 29 September 2010, 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm** – (lunch available from 1.30 pm) – WH.C is holding a **countywide workshop looking at the PBC workstreams** at The Canalside, BCC Huntworth, Marsh Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 6LQ. To reserve your place, please Email [sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk).
- **Wednesday 10 November 2010, 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm** (lunch at 1.00 pm) – WH.C is holding a **Leading Meetings and Facilitation Workshop** at the The Mount Somerset Hotel, Lower Henlade, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5NB, for its Board Members/Management Team and has one spare space for any GP/Practice Manager that would like to join them. Attendance is free of charge and places are issued on a first come, first served basis. Please Email [sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk) to reserve your place.
- **Wednesday 17 November 2010, 7.00 pm until approximately 8.30 pm** (buffet available from 6.15 pm) – WH.C is holding its **AGM** at Taunton Racecourse, Portman, Taunton, TA3 7BL. Please Email [sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk) to reserve your place.
- **Thursday 9 December 2010, 1.30 pm until 4.30 pm** (buffet available from 1.00 pm) – WH.C and NHS Somerset are holding a **Prescribing Leads Countywide Meeting** at Lyngford House Conference Centre, Selworthy Road, Priorswood, Taunton, TA2 8HD. Please Email [debbie.chapman@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:debbie.chapman@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk) to reserve your place.

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## Deadlines

**Friday 29 October 2010** – practices and/or federations have been asked to submit their FUR bids for 2009/10 to [sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.vowles@wyvernhealth.nhs.uk) by this date

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